

Sunday, and now they have disappointed you. They may have thought you were not interested in them or you would have been there. If everybody was a Christian then we would have no trouble to keep them in the Sunday school, but it is those that know not Christ we should search after and try to win them to him. Then dear teachers and co workers in the Sunday school let us ever strive to live such pure Christian lives that our lights may shine brighter and brighter each day and we may sow seed that will bring forth fruit meet for repentance. Much of the welfare of the future generation depends on the influence we shed abroad in our lives. We all have an influence either for good or for evil. Then let us so live that the world may be better because we have lived in it. Let us not forget to ask God to guide and direct us, whether we be teacher or preacher, or Sunday school superintendent, or whatever our vocation may be, we must remember of our own strength we can do nothing. If we attempt to do it we are sure to fail, then we will not be benefited from our work.

Dunlops, Ind.

Church News

Gas Belt Items

While from other places comes the news of souls turning to the Lord Jesus the gas belt has not been inactive. The meeting in progress at Maple Grove when our last report was made, closed without accessions, still it was none the less a victory for Christ. The fuller consecration of the members to Christ. The more earnest zeal for, and loyalty to the church which are already manifested give evidence that good was done. No principle of truth was ever yet maintained without sacrifice. No standard of right ever won converts without self denial, even to the cost of life. Wherever and whenever God can have such consecration and self surrender to him there right will prevail and truth will triumph. There are such at Maple Grove and that God will bless their labors abundantly future years will prove. God bless the faithful ones of every church, for without them all would be deficit and chaos.

On the 7th of Jan. a revival was begun at Oakville and continued till the evening of the 28th. Tho the weather was inclement, and the preacher afflicted with hoarsness which almost unfitted him for service the second week of the meeting, the interest was well maintained. The attendance tho at no time large, was very regular. The result of the meetings, six applicants for baptism. Three objective points were held in view by the pastor, viz. 1. To awaken in the believer a consciousness of spiritual poverty and the riches which are ours in Christ. 2. To convict the unbeliever of his sin and to convince him of Christ's power to save him from the consequences of sin. 3. To lead those so convinced to repentance and the acceptance of Christ as a personal Sav-

iour. While results have not been all that we hoped for, still we feel thankful that God could so use our weak efforts to accomplish even the results already attained. Notwithstanding the seeming impossibility to awaken the people to their spiritual interests, we feel that many men and women both old and young in our community have been brought face to face with their poverty and Christ's riches, and that a decided impetus has been given the community toward righteousness. We trustingly commit all our labor unto him who has said, "It (my word) shall not return unto me void, but it shall accomplish that which I please, and it shall prosper in the things whereunto I send it."

Only a few days ago we received a letter from a good brother telling how the word preached four years ago was likely to produce a harvest.

EVANGELISTIC WORK

I can imagine that I hear many voices saying, "What is our State Evangelist doing?" Well, brethren, with a fourth of my time given to the work there is likely little enough to be done even if it were possible for me to do all that is expected of me.

Up to the present date we have had no time to give to revival work in the mission field.

We shall be free to do some work in that line from this time forward. But if any one seems dissatisfied on that account, let him read the resolution defining the State Evangelist's work as adopted at our last conference. I have been devoting what time I have for state work to carrying out of that resolution.

Since our last report we visited the Roanoke church on the 29 of Dec. On account that another denomination was using the place of worship, we could give no public service until the evening of the 31 of Dec. We did what we could by a house to house visit. On New Year day we went to Dutch Town. This being a new organization and needing some encouragement we went for that purpose. Brother Pleu, their pastor, tho a man of inexperience is holding the helm with a steady hand. Warm hearted and full of love for Christ and a close student of the word, he is eminently safe. May his brethren stand by him as becometh Christians.

Brother Keller had just begun a series of meetings which we believe resulted in much good.

We returned to Roanoke on the 4 of Jan. This class has been without a pastor for some time. Being much discouraged because their former pastor had unexpectedly deserted them, and being very little acquainted with our ministers and methods of church work they seemed unable to reorganize sufficiently to do anything. We met with them in a business meeting on the 4, Jan., and held service in the evening. It is in just such congregations as this that the evangelist finds his labors most needed and most appreciated. Finding that somebody had a care for them and that the brotherhood had

an interest in them, they felt encouraged to do something for themselves. I have seldom presided at a business meeting with a better representation of the membership present, nor at one where greater interest and unity were manifested. I came home feeling that our mission had under God been helpful to those brethren. They are looking for a pastor, and I hope by this time have succeeded in procuring a man who will be an efficient leader and organizer to enable the church at Roanoke to reap the harvest already ripe.

By the unanimous vote of the M. B. to concentrate the work as much as possible I will go once a month to North Liberty and Tea Garden the rest of the year. But in the meantime I will do what I can for churches without pastors, or for some reason are not doing anything for themselves or the church in general.

Were I to comply with three fourths the requests which I receive for help simply in compliance with the resolution of conference it would take my entire time.

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College Notes

The last half of the present term is now underway. The next, the Spring term, is the most delightful year at Ashland. Is there not some one in your vicinity who will come and spend it with us in school?

Brother E. D. Burnworth is rendering an appreciated contribution to the religious services by leading the singing.

In both church and class-room work, Miss Vianna Detwiler is proving herself a strong and enthusiastic addition to the College student body.

By coming to Ashland to assist her son with his education, Mrs. Belote sets a commendable example to parents. More and more ought it become evident that the greatest service a father or mother can render son or daughter, that the richest legacy that can be left to a child, is a proper intellectual and moral training, the only legacy that cannot be squandered, and that will make life, in the highest sense, worth the living.

Uncompromising hostility to the saloon was shown by the Young Peoples' Society, in the Sunday evening meeting, led by Prof. Witter.

A new literary society, called "The Athenaeum," was launched at the College last week, with G. W. Garber and Miss Cary Emmons as president and secretary. Dallas Hall, on the east side of the College building, has been fitted up for its occupancy. The society held its first meeting Friday night, beginning its career with a goodly number of earnest workers and a determination to succeed.

To some it may be of interest to know that the Pierian Society is continuing its work much as heretofore. Brother Wm. Beachler, of Miamisburg, and Miss Mabel Garber, of Bellville, are its present president and secretary.